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Availability of Fiscal Year 1980 Funds for the Congregate Housing Services Program (CHSP)

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

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[Docket No. N 80-982]

Fund Availability for the Congregate Housing Services Program for the Elderly and Nonelderly Handicapped Fiscal Year 1980

AGENCY: Department of Housing and Urban Development.

ACTION: Notice of fund availability.

SUMMARY: HUD is announcing the availability of Fiscal Year (FY) 1980 funds for the Congregate Housing Services Program (CHSP). The funds will provide grants to existing housing projects (including projects placed under construction by October 1, 1980) of local Public Housing Agencies (PHAs) and nonprofit Section 202 borrowers to provide meals and other services to elderly and non-elderly handicapped project residents who require such services to remain independent. *This competition covers only that portion of the FY 1980 CHSP for existing housing projects.*

Potentially eligible applicants are requested to submit a letter of interest to the local HUD Regional Office within 15 days of the date of this Notice, containing the information specified in Paragraph E. Each Region will screen all potential applicants and recommend to Headquarters no more than 8 PHAs and Section 202 projects (of which at least one must be a project for the non-elderly handicapped). Regional Office recommendations are due at Headquarters by March 24, 1980. Headquarters will issue invitations and grant materials to recommended applicants about April 15, 1980. HUD expects to make only 10–20 CHSP awards to existing projects.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Jerold Nachison, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Room 4140, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, D.C. 20410; telephone (202) 755–5356. (This is *not* a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Authority

Title IV of the Housing and Community Development Amendments of 1978 (92 Stat 2104, 42 U.S.C. 8001) authorizes HUD to enter into three-to-five year grant contracts with eligible PHAs and Section 202 borrowers to provide meals and other supportive services to eligible project residents. The services to be funded are those which allow the handicapped or temporarily disabled residents, whether elderly or non-elderly, to live independently and prevent premature or unnecessary institutionalization. Such services include a complete mandatory meals program, personal assistance, housekeeping and other services deemed necessary for participating residents. The statute also provides for CHSP funding of new public housing and Section 202 projects designed initially as congregate housing facilities. HUD will conduct a similar limited competition for new construction projects receiving FY 1980 fund reservations late this summer.

B. General Funding Limits

Congress has appropriated $10 million for FY 1980 which HUD will administer as a 5-year grant program. Ten percent (10%) of the amount is being reserved by Headquarters for any necessary adjustments of grant awards made from FY 1980 funds due to inflationary impact or other factors. Therefor, $9 million is available to HUD to fund 5-year grants at an approximate rate of $1.8 million per year for 5 years. The overall division of available FY 1980 funding will be about $4.5 million for PHAs and $4.5 million for nonprofit Section 202 borrowers.

1. Within the $9.0 million, about $6.0 million (66⅔ percent) will be for services in existing housing projects and $3.0 million (33⅓ percent) for services commitments in FY 1980 new construction; also;

2. Within the $9.0 million about $7.2 million (80 percent) will be for services to the elderly handicapped and $1.8 million (20 percent) for the non-elderly handicapped.

C. Program Summary

The key elements of the CHSP are summarized below:

1. HUD will provide five-year grants to selected PHAs and Section 202 borrowers with available central dining facilities who will provide meals and other necessary supportive services to program participants. These grants will be renewable after the 5-year grant period, subject to future appropriations.

2. Each applicant shall provide a minimum of two meals per day, seven days a week for program participants, and shall develop a sliding fee scale based upon ability to pay under which program participants may pay part or all of the cost of meals and other services. (Program proposals providing that all meals be delivered to the resident's apartment are ineligible.)

3. Each applicant may request funds for the provision of housekeeping and/or personal assistance services, and other supportive services as necessary to maintain the participant's independence.

4. HUD funding for CHSP grant is limited to a *maximum* of $400,000 to be expended in approximately equal annual sums over the 5-year period of the grant.

5. Projects for the elderly generally will be expected to limit participation in the CHSP to no more than 20 percent of the total resident population. Existing projects with a large proportion of residents already in need of support services may request a higher level of participation if the individuals can be served within budgetary limitations.

6. Small group homes and independent living complexes for the non-elderly handicapped may justify 100 percent coverage for Congregate Housing Services Program participants, as long as the focus is on meals and *limited* supportive services.

7. *Each applicant is limited to one proposed project unless one project is proposed for elderly handicapped and the second is for a small group home or apartment complex for the non-elderly handicapped. A proposal for 2.4 small group homes in the same geographic locality will be considered as a single project. Applicants selected for a fiscal year 1980 CHSP existing housing award are not eligible to apply for a fiscal year 1980 new construction award.*

8. Any grantee not providing meals and support services within six months from the effective date of its CHSP grant instrument or within six months of initial occupancy will have its award terminated by HUD.

9. Each grantee shall appoint a Professional Assessment Committee (PAC) made up of at least one medical professional and two others qualified to assess functional ability of elderly and non-elderly handicapped and temporarily disabled residents. The PAC will screen all interested project residents for program eligibility/admissions/termination to the CHSP, and make appropriate recommendations to project management for action.

10. Each PHA and Section 202 borrower shall involve the residents, the Professional Assessment Committee, the Area or State Agency on Aging, and the State or local agencies serving the nonelderly handicapped if appropriate, in the planning of services, application review, ongoing operations and re-application process.

11. Funds from this program *cannot* be used to replace funds which currently

are providing like services to project residents.

12. HUD will conduct an in-depth evaluation to determine: the extent to which coordination is achieved between other Federal programs and HUD; the extent to which the CHSP avoids or creates a duplication of existing programs; and the extent to which the program is successful in preventing unnecessary or premature institutionalization of elderly and non-elderly handicapped persons. Fiscal year 1980 grantees are expected to participate in the evaluation, and develop and carry out an appropriate self-assessment.

D. Eligibility

Eligibility under the competition cited in this Notice is limited to those applicants having an existing public housing or Section 202 project as defined below:

1. The project must be currently occupied *or* under construction prior to October 1, 1980, and the project must be:

a. A conventional public housing project as defined in Section 7 of the United States Housing Act of 1937, as amended, or:

b. Housing for the elderly or non-elderly handicapped owned by a nonprofit corporation and funded under Section 202 of the Housing Act of 1959, as amended,

Note.—A Section 202 project with Section 8 (or other) rent subsidy (Section 202/8) is *fully* eligible for the CHSP.

2. The project shall have a central dining facility available for congregate needs which allows at least 50 percent of those receiving meals under this program to be served at one sitting. If the project does not have a kitchen, it must have suitable food warming facilities.

3. Both the central dining facility and the routes from dwelling units where the residents live to the central dining facility must be accessible. Applicable regulations for accessibility are the HUD Minimum Property Standards for Multifamily Housing, and the ANSI A117.1 specifications for Making Building and Facilities Accessible and Usable by the Physically Handicapped 1961 (Rev. 1971).

4. There must be sufficient flexibility in available existing common space to allow continuation of any current service program when congregate meals and support services are introduced.

5. The project owner must be able to demonstrate a record of satisfactory management in housing or services for the elderly or non-elderly handicapped. (For recently occupied projects, this criterion will be applied to a PHA's or a Section 202 borrower's earlier housing or service-related activities.)

6. There must be a record of satisfactory performance in areas relating to equal opportunity such as equal employment opportunity, affirmative marketing, tenant selection and assignment, and the provision of facilities and services (where existing) on a non-discriminatory basis and compliance with the requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

Note.—(1) In projects designed solely for the non-elderly handicapped, HUD will give priority to small group homes and independent living complexes.

(2) An applicant who applied for fiscal year 1979 CHSP funds, but did not receive an award may indicate interest again for the same project or a different one.

(3) Grantees participating in the fiscal year 1979 CHSP are eligible to apply for the fiscal year 1980 CHSP for a project *different* from the project receiving in fiscal year funds.

The following projects are not eligible for funding under the CHSP:

1. A public housing or Section 202 project which provides overnight medical care on an ongoing basis, e.g., has a nursing wing or is certified as an intermediate care facility, and eligible for funds under Title XIX (Medicaid) of the Social Security Act.

2. Section 8 projects, including those owned by PHAs.

3. Any project sponsored by a State Housing Agency.

4. Section 202 projects converted to Section 236 projects.

5. A project under any other HUD-assisted multifamily housing program.

E. Submission of Letter of Interest

Any PHA or Section 202 borrower interested in applying for the fiscal year 1980 existing project competition shall send a letter stating its interest and willingness to apply for funding to the appropriate HUD Regional Office within 15 days of the date of this Notice. This letter shall be signed by the Executive Director or Board Chairperson and should identify name and address of the project being proposed for participation in the CHSP.

Letters of interest shall be sent to the HUD Regional Administrators:

Region I

Boston Regional Office, Room 800, John F. Kennedy Building, Boston, Massachusetts 02203. Massachusetts; Connecticut; New Hampshire; Rhode Island; Maine; Vermont.

Region II

New York Regional Office, 26 Federal Plaza, New York, New York 10007. New York; Puerto Rico; New Jersey.

Region III

Philadelphia Regional Office, Curtis Building, 6th & Walnut Streets, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19106. Pennsylvania; Maryland; Delaware; Virginia; Washington, D.C.; West Virginia.

Region IV

Atlanta Regional Office, Richard B. Russell Federal Building, 75 Spring Street, S.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303. Georgia; Alabama; South Carolina; North Carolina; Mississippi; Florida; Tennessee; Kentucky.

Region V

Chicago Regional Office, 300 South Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60606. Illinois; Ohio; Michigan; Indiana; Wisconsin; Minnesota.

Region VI

Fort Worth Regional Office, 221 West Lancaster Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas 76113. Texas; Oklahoma; Arkansas; Louisiana; New Mexico.

Region VII

Kansas City Regional Office, 1103 Grand Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri 64106. Kansas; Nebraska; Missouri; Iowa.

Region VIII

Denver Regional Office, Executive Tower, 1405 Curtis Street, Denver, Colorado 80202. Wyoming; Colorado; North Dakota; South Dakota; Montana; Utah.

Region IX

San Francisco Regional Office, 450 Golden Gate Avenue, Box 36003, San Francisco, California 94102. Hawaii; Guam; California; Nevada; Arizona.

Region X

Seattle Regional Office, Arcade Plaza Building, Room 3003, 1321 Second Avenue, Seattle, Washington 98101. Alaska; Oregon; Idaho; Washington.

A copy of each Letter of Interest shall be sent to: Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Housing and Indian Programs,

Attn: Jerold S. Nachison, Congregate Housing Services Task Force, Housing and Urban Development, Room 4140, 451 Seventh Street SW., Washington, D.C. 20410.

All letters of interest submitted to HUD as a result of this Notice, or independently, shall be reviewed by the HUD staff within each Regional Office: Director, Office of Regional Housing; Neighborhood and Consumer Affairs Officer; the Director, Office of Regional Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity; and, if appropriate, Director, Office of Indian Programs.

Based on this review, The Regional Administrator (RA) will submit a report to Headquarters recommending no more than eight (8) existing projects to be invited as applicants.

The review and final recommendation of the 8 or fewer existing projects shall be based on the following criteria:

1. Demonstrated need for the Congregate Housing Services Program;

2. Extent of prior successful experience in operating housing or services programs for the elderly or non-elderly handicapped;

3. Evidence of effective programming and fiscal management; and capacity to operate a congregate housing services grant;

4. Evidence of good tenant/management or provider/client relationships.

5. Evidence of effective performance in the areas of equal opportunity, affirmative marketing, tenant selection and assignment, and provision of services (where existing) or a non-discriminatory basis.

Headquarters suggests that each Regional report recommend about four (4) PHAs and four (4) Section 202 Borrowers. Headquarters is requiring that each Regional report recommend at least one (1) project for the non-elderly handicapped. The report is due on March 24, 1980.

F. Application Sequence After HUD Field Office Nominations

(1) Regional reports of recommended applicants will be reviewed and approved by HUD Headquarters.

(2) HUD Headquarters will extend invitations to apply for the CHSP, and forward an application package on or about April 15, 1980, to recommended applicants.

(3) Applications from invited existing projects will be due in Headquarters June 16, 1980.

(4) The Secretary will announce fiscal year 1980 existing projects selected for CHSP awards by July 31, 1980. HUD expects to make only 10–20 existing project awards.

(5) Selectees will then enter negotiations with HUD to prepare grant contract.

(6) Grant contracts will be issued by September 30, 1980.

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